

**COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM
FY-1999 ANNUAL REPORT**

Project No.: PIP-14

I. Project title: Information and Education program.

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III. Project Summary:

In 1997, the I & E Committee recommended that coordination and communication be improved within the Recovery Program on public involvement related to pond reclamation, landowner communication, land acquisition, floodplain restoration, non-native fish removal and endangered fish propagation.

IV. Study Schedule:

Initial year: 1998
Final year: 1999

V. Relationship to RIPRAP:

- . I. Provide and protect in-stream flows.
- II Restore habitat (includes floodplain restoration and land acquisition).
- III Reduce negative impacts of non-native fish and sport-fish management (includes pond reclamation).
- IV Manage genetic integrity and augment or restore endangered fish populations (includes hatchery raising and stocking).
- VI.C. Plan and implement information and education activities for all significant Recovery Program actions, such as presentations, public meetings, public involvement training.

VI. Accomplishment of FY 99 objectives and tasks:

- Tactic: Hold internal regional meetings with Recovery Program participants in the Colorado, Gunnison and Green Rivers to review status of public involvement conducted in FY 1999 and to identify issues and problems to be addressed in FY 1999.
- Status: A professional facilitator was hired to conduct meetings in Grand Junction, Colorado, and Salt Lake City, Utah, during the fall and winter of 1998. A total of 27 individuals participated. They represented Recovery Program staff, partner organizations and other organizations that assist the Recovery Program.
- Tactic: Develop draft regional coordination plans for the Colorado, Gunnison and Green Rivers, incorporating public involvement activities currently under way and identifying additional objectives, strategies, tactics and responsible parties.
- Status: Information from these meetings was compiled into a document entitled, "A Call to Action: A New Way of Doing Business. Revamping Public Involvement Efforts" (Appendix A). The document was reviewed by the I&E Committee in July 1999 and recommendations made to the Management Committee in August 1999. These recommendations identify ways to improve I&E efforts for the Recovery Program in FY 2000 and beyond.

IX. FY 99 Budget:

- A. Funds Provided: \$10,000
- B. Funds Expended: The Recovery Program is working to identify exactly how much.
- C. Difference: To be determined.
- D. Percent of FY 99 work completed and projected costs to complete: One hundred percent of the work was completed in FY 99.
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: Not applicable.

X. Status of Data Submission: Not applicable.

XI. Signed: Debbie Felker December 7, 1999
Info. & Education Coord. Date